

**Blasted Church Vineyards****2006 Chardonnay Musque
(Okanagan Valley)**

Chardonnay Musqué is the spicy clone of Chardonnay that found its way into various Canadian vineyards in the 1980s. Until recently, some growers were scrambling to replace it with more mainstream clones. What has changed its fate is the rising popularity of unoaked Chardonnay. This fruity clone is ideal for a wine of that style.

At Blasted Church, winemaker Kelly Moss has taken this advantage a step further. "This wine is unique among unoaked Chardonnays," she says. "It is dry."

It is a logical winemaking approach. The variety has such intense, spicy fruit that it comes off sweet without any help from residual sugar. This wine begins with powerful floral and spicy aromas. On the palate, it is richly concentrated, with flavours of green apples, citrus and melons. The wine is clean and refreshing, with a nice dry finish. The aromas and flavours are nicely preserved under screwcap closures. 1,000 cases were made. 89 points.

Reviewed July 11, 2007 by [John Schreiner](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Blasted Church Vineyards](#)

Vintage: 2006

Wine: Chardonnay Musque

Appellation: [Okanagan Valley](#)

Grape: Chardonnay Musque

Price: \$18.00

THE REVIEWER**John Schreiner**

John Schreiner has been covering the wines of British Columbia for the past 30 years and has written 10 books on the wines of Canada and BC. He has judged at major competitions and is currently a panel member for the Lieutenant Governor's Awards of

Excellence in Wine. Both as a judge and as a wine critic, he approaches each wine not to find fault, but to find excellence. That he now finds the latter more often than the former testifies to the dramatic improvement shown by BC winemaking in the past decade.